

Amendment to the Claims:

The claims under examination in this application, including their current status and changes made in this paper, are respectfully presented.

1 (original). A method for transparently writing to shared memory when debugging a multiple processor system, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a software memory map of the memory usage of a plurality of processors in the system to be debugged;

activating a first debug session associated with a first processor of the plurality of processors and at least a second debug session associated with a second processor of the plurality of processors;

detecting a write request to a shared memory location by the first debug session;

if the first processor associated with the first debug session has write access to the shared memory location

then

selecting the first processor to perform the write request;

else performing the following steps a-b:

a. searching the software memory map to determine if the second processor has write access to the shared memory location;

b. selecting the second processor to perform the write request; and

passing the write request initiated by the first debug session to the selected processor for execution.

Claims 2 through 5 are canceled.

6 (currently amended). The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of passing the write request comprises:

determining that the write request is to a shared memory location at which a software breakpoint has been set;

searching the software memory map to find a ~~third~~ second plurality of processors with read access to the shared memory location;

sending the ~~third~~ second plurality of processors ~~the~~ a new instruction for the shared memory location;

updating a software representation maintained for software breakpoints for each of the ~~third~~ second plurality of processors to ~~replace the old instruction with~~ store the new instruction; and

resetting the software breakpoint with the new instruction in the write request;

7 (original). The method of Claim 6 wherein the step of resetting comprises:

clearing the software breakpoint at the shared memory location;

performing the write request; and

setting a software breakpoint at the shared memory location.

8 (currently amended). The method of Claim 2 1, wherein the step of passing the write request comprises the steps of:

searching the software memory map for a second plurality of processors that have read access to the shared memory location;

broadcasting the write request to the second plurality of processors; and

performing cache coherency updates in response to the write request in each of the second plurality of processors;

and wherein the steps of the method are performed iteratively to write to successive shared memory locations.

9 (original). The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of reading the shared memory location by the first processor after the contents of the shared memory location have been changed by the write request.

10 (original). A software development system, comprising:

a memory storage system holding a software development tool program;

a host computer connected to the memory storage system, the host computer operable to execute the software development tool program;

a test port for connecting to a hardware system, the hardware system being comprised of multiple processors with shared memory and operable to execute an application program; and

wherein the software development tool is operable to support debugging of the application program executing on the hardware system using a method for transparently writing to shared memory when debugging a multiple processor system, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a software memory map of the memory usage of a plurality of processors in the system to be debugged;

activating a first debug session associated with a first processor of the plurality of processors and at least a second debug session associated with a second processor of the plurality of processors;

detecting a write request to a shared memory location by the first debug session;

if the first processor associated with the first debug session has write access to the shared memory location

then

selecting the first processor to perform the write request;

else performing the following steps a-b:

a. searching the software memory map to determine if the second processor has write access to the shared memory location;

b. selecting the second processor to perform the write request; and

passing the write request initiated by the first debug session to the selected processor for execution.

11 (canceled).

12 (original). A digital system, comprising:

multiple processors with common shared memory for executing an application program; and

wherein the application program was developed with a software development system using a method for transparently writing to shared memory when debugging a multiple processor system, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a software memory map of the memory usage of a plurality of processors in the system to be debugged;

activating a first debug session associated with a first processor of the plurality of processors and at least a second debug session associated with a second processor of the plurality of processors;

detecting a write request to a shared memory location by the first debug session;

if the first processor associated with the first debug session has write access to the shared memory location

then

selecting the first processor to perform the write request;

else performing the following steps a-b:

a. searching the software memory map to determine if the second processor has write access to the shared memory location;

b. selecting the second processor to perform the write request; and

passing the write request initiated by the first debug session to the selected processor for execution.

13 (canceled).